

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently amended) A method for treating a patient suffering from one or more insulin related ailments selected from the group consisting of hyperglycemia, hypoglycemia, diabetes mellitus, insulinomas, insulin and hypoglycemic drug overdose, gastric dumping syndrome and congenital hyperinsulinism, Alzheimer's disease, which method comprises the step of: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a non-peptidyl compound ~~that is a biological modulator of insulin activity~~, which compound possesses one or more ionic and hydrophobic chemical moieties spatially located so as to mimic the spatial location of at least an ionic or a hydrophobic amino acid residue of insulin, wherein said compound is an insulin agonist ~~which amino acids are associated with the binding of insulin to its receptor.~~

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2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ionic amino acid residue is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of: A21 Asn, B21 Glu and A17 Glu.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ionic and hydrophobic amino acid residue(s) is(are) selected from the group consisting of: A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr, A2 Ile, A3 Val and A1 Gly.

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4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least one amino acid is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of: A17 Glu, B21 Glu and A21 Asn; and at least one amino acid is selected from the group consisting of: B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val and B12 Tyr. *should this be B16 Tyr?*

5. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the non-peptidyl compound possesses ionic and hydrophobic chemical moieties spatially located so as to mimic ionic and hydrophobic residues associated with at least one of the following groups of amino acid residues:

- (i.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe;
- (ii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe;

- (iii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (iv.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, A19 Tyr, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (v.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B12 Val, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (vi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B12 Val, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (vii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B16 Tyr, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (viii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (ix.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (x.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xiii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xiv.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xv.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xvi.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xvii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xviii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xix.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xx.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xxi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxiii.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxiv.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxv.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxvi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxvii.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;

(xxviii.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;

(xxix.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;

(xxx.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;

(xxxi.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr; or

(xxxii.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val.

6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the non-peptidyl compound has the following formula:



where A is W or VXW;

V is  $V_1$  or  $V_2$ ;

V is substituted with up to two X groups;

$V_1$  is a phenyl or 6 membered heteroaromatic ring, optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups;

$V_2$  is a 5 member ring system which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the ring system being optionally substituted with up to 4  $R_1$  groups;

W is  $W_1$  or  $W_2$  or  $W_3$ ;

W is substituted with up to two X groups;

$W_1$  is  $V_1$ ;

$W_2$  is a fused bicyclic ring system comprising rings of 5 or 6 atoms, which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms, which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the system being optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

$W_3$  is  $-\text{N}(\text{R}_2)\text{R}'_2$ ;

$R_1$  is independently H, OH, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkanol, hydroxyalkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, SH, thioalkyl, cyano ( $-\text{CN}$ ),  $\text{N}(\text{R}_2)\text{R}'_2$ , phenyl, phenyl optionally substituted with up to five alkyl groups of 1 to 3 carbon atoms or up to five halogen atoms, benzyl, phenethyl, nitro,  $-\text{COR}_3$ ,  $-\text{R}_5\text{COR}_3$ ,  $-\text{R}_5\text{SOR}_3$ ,  $-\text{R}_5\text{SO}_2\text{R}_3$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}_2)\text{R}'_2$  or azido;

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$R_2$  and  $R'_2$  are independently H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 3 to 6 carbons, hydroxyalkyl of 2 to 6 carbons, alkoxy of 2 to 6 carbons, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, benzyl, benzyl optionally substituted with up to four  $R_1$  groups, phenylethyl, phenylethyl optionally substituted with up to four  $R_1$  groups, arylalkyl, and where  $R_2$  and  $R'_2$  can also be joined to form cyclic structures;

$R_3$  is independently H, OH, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkanol, hydroxyalkoxy,  $-R_4N(R_2)R'_2$ , mesyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-NHSO_2CH_3$  or  $-NHSO_2CF_3$ ;

$R_4$  is independently a bond, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl;

X is independently, a bond,  $-R_4N(R_2)R_4-$ ,  $-R_4N=NR_4-$ ,  $-R_4N(R_2)-N(R_2)R_4-$ ,  $-R_4OR_4-$ ,  $-R_4SR_4-$ ,  $-R_5-$ ,  $-R_5O-$ ,  $-R_5S-$ ,  $-R_5N(R_2)-$ ,  $-SO-$ , sulfonyl ( $-SO_2-$ ),  $-CO-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-NHCONH-$ ,  $-NHCO-$ ,  $-CONHCO-$ ,  $-CON(R_2)-$ ,  $-R_5COR_5-$ ,  $-R_5COR_5N(R_2)R_5-$ ,  $-N(R_2)CO-$  or  $-R_4N(R_2)R_4COR_4-$ ;

$R_5$  is independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkanol, hydroxyalkoxy;

Y is either  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  or  $Y_3$ ;

Y is substituted with at least two, but optionally up to four X linking groups;

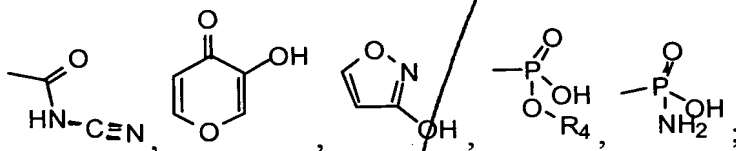
$Y_1$  is a fused bicyclic ring system comprising rings of 5 or 6 atoms which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms, which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the ring system optionally independently incorporating a sulfoxide (SO), sulfone ( $SO_2$ ) or carbonyl (CO) group and optionally up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

$Y_2$  is a 6:6:6 or a 6:5:6 fused tricyclic system which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the ring system optionally independently incorporating a sulfoxide (SO), sulfone ( $SO_2$ ) or carbonyl (CO) group, and the ring system being substituted with at least two, but optionally up to four X linking groups and optionally up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

$Y_3$  is  $V_1$ ;

Z is independently  $-R_6COOH$ ,  $-R_6SO_3H$ ,  $-R_6NO_2$ ,  $-R_6SO_2H$ ,  $-R_6SO_2NHR_2$ ,  $-R_7SO_2NHCOR_4$ ,  $-N$ -trifluoromethylsulfonamidate,  $-OH$ , 2-yl-hydroxyethanoic acid ( $-CH(OH)COOH$ ), 3-yl-2-hydroxypropanoic acid ( $-CH_2CH(OH)COOH$ ) 2-yl-2-

hydroxypropanoic acid ( $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$ ), -3-yl-2,3-dihydroxypropanoic acid ( $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$ ), -2-yl-2,3-dihydroxypropanoic acid ( $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_2(\text{OH}))(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$ ), -3-yl-2-hydroxypropan-3-one-1-oic acid ( $-\text{COCH}(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$ ), 2-yl-2-hydroxypropanedioic acid ( $-\text{C}(\text{COOH})(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$ ), -2-yl-propanedioic acid ( $-\text{C}(\text{COOH})(\text{H})\text{COOH}$ ), -4-yl-2-hydroxybutan-4-one-1-oic acid ( $-\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$ ), 2-yl-2-hydroxybutan-1,4-dioic acid ( $-\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{COOH})\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ), 3-yl-2-hydroxybutan-1,4-dioic acid ( $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{COOH})\text{COOH}$ ), 5-yl-tetrazole,



$\text{R}_6$  is independently a bond, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy,  $-\text{CO}(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ , where  $n$  is an integer between 0 and 4, alkanolic, alkenolic or alkynolic; with the exception that where  $\text{W}_1$  is an optionally substituted phenyl then  $\text{Y}_{13}$  cannot be an optionally substituted phenyl.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the non-peptidyl compound is a dimer or heterodimer wherein the compounds are joined through a X linking group by way of their V or W groups.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein when V is  $\text{V}_1$  or  $\text{V}_2$ , then:

$\text{V}_1$  is selected from the group consisting of, benzene, pyridine, pyridazine, pyrimidine, pyrazine or triazine and is optionally substituted with up to 5  $\text{R}_1$  groups; and

$\text{V}_2$  is selected from the group consisting of, cyclopenta-1,3-diene, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole, imidazole, thiazole, isothiazole or triazole and is optionally substituted with up to 4  $\text{R}_1$  groups;

and W is  $\text{W}_2$  then

$\text{W}_2$  is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline, pteridine, indole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, benzimidazole, indazole, benzoxazole, benzisooxazole,

benzthiazole, benzisothiazole, purine, indoline or isoindoline and is optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

and Y is either  $Y_1$  or  $Y_2$  then

$Y_1$  is selected from the group consisting of croman, isochroman, benzofuran, cromene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene, 1,4-dihydronaphthalene, indan, indene, benzopiperidine, indoline, isoindoline, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline or pteridine, coumarin or 2,3-dihydrocoumarin and is optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups; and

$Y_2$  is selected from the group consisting of 9H-xanthone, 9H-xanthene, phenoxathiin, phenoxathiin-10-oxide, phenoxathiin-10-dioxide, acridine, phenazine, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenothiazine-5-oxide, phenothiazine-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-oxide, carbazole, dibenzo[b,d]furan or dibenzo[b,d]thiophene and is optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein when A is VXW then: V is phenyl or pyrazole, optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups; and when A is W or VXW then W is  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$  or  $W_3$  wherein  $W_1$  is phenyl optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups;

$W_2$  is naphthalene or quinoline optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups wherein  $R_1$  is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl;

$W_3$  is  $-N(R_2)R_2$  wherein  $R_2$  is propyl; X is independently, a bond, methoxy ( $-OCH_3$ ), oxypropoxy ( $-O(CH_2)_3O-$ ), hexenyloxy ( $-O(CH_2)_4CH=CH-$ ), sulfonyloxy ( $-SO_2O-$ ), methyl ( $-CH_3$ ), amidyl ( $-CONH-$ ) or  $-NHCONH-$ ; and Y is either  $Y_1$  or  $Y_2$  then  $Y_1$  is croman, 4-H-chromen-4-one or naphthalene optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups wherein  $R_1$  is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy,

Y<sub>2</sub> is 9H-xanthone optionally substituted with up to seven R<sub>1</sub> groups wherein R<sub>1</sub> is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl;

Y<sub>3</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with up to 5 R<sub>1</sub> groups wherein R<sub>1</sub> is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl; and

Z is independently -R<sub>6</sub>COOH, -R<sub>6</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H or -N-trifluoromesylsulfonamidate wherein R<sub>6</sub> is independently a bond or propyl.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the non-peptidyl compound is selected from the following group of compounds:

- (i.) 4,4'-Methylenebis[3-hydroxy-2-naphthalenecarboxylic acid];
- (ii.) 7-[3-(4-acetyl-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- (iii.) 2,4-dichloro-6-(N-(trifluoromethanesulfonyl))sulfamoylphenyl 3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzenesulfonate;
- (iv.) 7-[(4-acetyl-3-hydroxy-2-propylphenyl)methoxy]-4-oxo-8-propyl-4H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- (v.) 7-[3-(4-acetyl-3-methoxy-2-propylphenoxy)propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- (vi.) 3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-7-[[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy]propyl]oxy]-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- (vii.) 3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-7-[[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-ethoxyphenoxy]propyl]oxy]-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- checked* (viii.) 3-[4-[7-carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid;
- (ix.) 8-propyl-7-(quinol-2'-ylmethoxy)-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- (x.) 7-(naphth-2'-ylmethoxy)-8-propyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;
- (xi.) N-(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)-3,5-dinitro-4-(N',N'-dipropylamino)benzenesulfonamide;

(xii.) 8-propyl-7-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(xiii.) 3,4-dihydro-7-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexenyl]oxy]-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid; or

(xiv.) 8,8'-[Carbonylbis[imino-3,1-phenylenecarbonylimino(4-methyl-3,1-phenylene)carbonylimino]]bis-1,3,5-naphthalenetrisulfonic acid.

11. (Canceled)

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16. (Currently amended) A method for identifying a non-peptidyl compound possessing ionic and hydrophobic chemical moieties spatially located so as to mimic particular ionic and hydrophobic amino acid residues of insulin ~~which are associated with the binding of insulin to its receptor~~, said method comprising the steps of: (1) comparing the three dimensional structure of the non-peptidyl compound with a three dimensional pharmacophore of an active site of insulin; and (2) selecting a non-peptidyl compound with ionic and hydrophobic chemical moieties spatially located so as to mimic said site.

17. (Original) A method for determining whether a non-peptidyl compound identified according to the method of claim 16 is an agonist or an antagonist, said method comprising the step of: exposing the compound to an insulin or insulin like receptor and measuring the change in biological activity following exposure of the compound to the receptor.

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20. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein  $V_1$  is selected from the group consisting of: benzene, pyridine, pyridazine, pyrimidine, pyrazine, triazine.



21. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein  $V_2$  is selected from the group consisting of: cyclopenta-1,3-diene, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole, imidazole, thiazole, isothiazole or triazole, optionally substituted with up to 4  $R_1$  groups.
22. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein  $W_2$  is selected from the group consisting of: naphthalene, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline, pteridine, indole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, benzimidazole, indazole, benzoxazole, benzisooxazole, benzthiazole, benzisothiazole, purine, indoline, isoindoline.
23. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein  $R_2$  and  $R'_2$  are joined to form cyclic structures selected from the group consisting of: pyrrolidine, piperidine, hexahydro-1H-azepine, morpholine or piperazine.
24. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein  $Y_1$  is selected from the group consisting of: croman, isochroman, benzofuran, cromene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene, 1,4-dihydronaphthalene, indan, indene, benzopiperidine, indoline, isoindoline, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline or pteridine, coumarin or 2,3-dihydrocoumarin.
25. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein  $Y_2$  is selected from the group consisting of: 9H-xanthone, 9H-xanthene, phenoxathiin, phenoxathiin-10-oxide, phenoxathiin-10-dioxide, acridine, phenazine, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenothiazine-5-oxide, phenothiazine-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-oxide, carbazole, dibenzo[b,d]furan, dibenzo[b,d]thiophene.
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32. (New) A method for treating a patient suffering from one or more insulin related ailments selected from the group consisting of hyperglycemia, hypoglycemia, diabetes mellitus, insulinomas, insulin and hypoglycemic drug overdose, gastric dumping syndrome and congenital hyperinsulinism, Alzheimer's disease, which method comprises the step of: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a non-peptidyl compound which possesses one or more ionic and hydrophobic chemical moieties spatially located so as to mimic the spatial location of at least an ionic or a hydrophobic amino acid residue of insulin, wherein said compound is an insulin antagonist.

33. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the ionic amino acid residue is selected from the group consisting of: A21 Asn, B21 Glu and A17 Glu.

34. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the ionic and hydrophobic amino acid residue(s) is(are) selected from the group consisting of: A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr, A2 Ile, A3 Val and A1 Gly.

35. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein at least one amino acid is selected from the group consisting of: A17 Glu, B21 Glu and A21 Asn; and at least one amino acid is selected from the group consisting of: B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val and B12 Tyr.

36. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the non-peptidyl compound possesses ionic and hydrophobic chemical moieties spatially located so as to mimic ionic and hydrophobic residues associated with at least one of the following groups of amino acid residues:

- (i.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe;
- (ii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe;
- (iii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (iv.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, A19 Tyr, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (v.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B12 Val, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (vi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B12 Val, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;
- (vii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B16 Tyr, A1 Gly, A2 Ile, A3 Val;

- (viii) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (ix.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (x.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xii) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xiii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xiv.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xv.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xvi.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr;
- (xvii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xviii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xix.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xx.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B12 Val;
- (xxi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxii.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxiii.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxiv.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, B25 Phe, B16 Tyr;
- (xxv.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxvi.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxvii.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxviii.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B24 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxix.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxx.) A21 Asn, B21 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr;
- (xxxi.) A21 Asn, A17 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val, B16 Tyr; or
- (xxxii.) B21 Glu, A17 Glu, B25 Phe, A19 Tyr, B12 Val.

37. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the non-peptidyl compound has the following formula:



where A is W or VXW;

V is  $V_1$  or  $V_2$ ;

V is substituted with up to two X groups;

$V_1$  is a phenyl or 6 membered heteroaromatic ring, optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups;

$V_2$  is a 5 member ring system which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the ring system being optionally substituted with up to 4  $R_1$  groups;

W is  $W_1$  or  $W_2$  or  $W_3$ ;

W is substituted with up to two X groups;

$W_1$  is  $V_1$ ;

$W_2$  is a fused bicyclic ring system comprising rings of 5 or 6 atoms, which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms, which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the system being optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

$W_3$  is  $-\text{N}(\text{R}_2)\text{R}'_2$ ;

$R_1$  is independently H, OH, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkanol, hydroxyalkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, SH, thioalkyl, cyano ( $-\text{CN}$ ),  $\text{N}(\text{R}_2)\text{R}'_2$ , phenyl, phenyl optionally substituted with up to five alkyl groups of 1 to 3 carbon atoms or up to five halogen atoms, benzyl, phenethyl, nitro,  $-\text{COR}_3$ ,  $-\text{R}_5\text{COR}_3$ ,  $-\text{R}_5\text{SOR}_3$ ,  $-\text{R}_5\text{SO}_2\text{R}_3$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}_2)\text{R}'_2$  or azido;

$R_2$  and  $R'_2$  are independently H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 3 to 6 carbons, hydroxyalkyl of 2 to 6 carbons, alkoxy of 2 to 6 carbons, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, benzyl, benzyl optionally substituted with up to four  $R_1$  groups, phenylethyl, phenylethyl optionally substituted with up to four  $R_1$  groups, arylalkyl, and where  $R_2$  and  $R'_2$  can also be joined to form cyclic structures;

$R_3$  is independently H, OH, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkanol, hydroxyalkoxy,  $-R_4N(R_2)R'_2$ , mesyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-NHSO_2CH_3$  or  $-NHSO_2CF_3$ ;

$R_4$  is independently a bond, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl;

X is independently, a bond,  $-R_4N(R_2)R_4-$ ,  $-R_4N=NR_4-$ ,  $-R_4N(R_2)-N(R_2)R_4-$ ,  $-R_4OR_4$ ,  $-R_4SR_4-$ ,  $-R_5-$ ,  $-R_5O-$ ,  $-R_5S-$ ,  $-R_5N(R_2)-$ ,  $-SO-$ , sulfonyl ( $-SO_2-$ ),  $-CO-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-NHCONH-$ ,  $-NHCO-$ ,  $-CONHCO-$ ,  $-CON(R_2)-$ ,  $-R_5COR_5-$ ,  $-R_5COR_5N(R_2)R_5-$ ,  $-N(R_2)CO-$  or  $-R_4N(R_2)R_4COR_4-$ ;

$R_5$  is independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkanol, hydroxyalkoxy;

Y is either  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  or  $Y_3$ ;

Y is substituted with at least two, but optionally up to four X linking groups;

$Y_1$  is a fused bicyclic ring system comprising rings of 5 or 6 atoms which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms, which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the ring system optionally independently incorporating a sulfoxide (SO), sulfone ( $SO_2$ ) or carbonyl (CO) group and optionally up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

$Y_2$  is a 6:6:6 or a 6:5:6 fused tricyclic system which may incorporate up to 4 hetero atoms which may be independently a nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with  $R_2$ , oxygen or sulfur, the ring system optionally independently incorporating a sulfoxide (SO), sulfone ( $SO_2$ ) or carbonyl (CO) group, and the ring system being substituted with at least two, but optionally up to four X linking groups and optionally up to seven  $R_1$  groups;

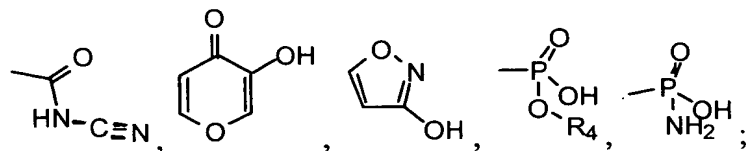
$Y_3$  is  $V_1$ ;

Z is independently  $-R_6COOH$ ,  $-R_6SO_3H$ ,  $-R_6NO_2$ ,  $-R_6SO_2H$ ,  $-R_6SO_2NHR_2$ ;

$-R_7SO_2NHCOR_4$  -N-trifluoromethylsulfonamidate, -OH, 2-yl-hydroxyethanoic acid ( $-CH(OH)COOH$ ), 3-yl-2-hydroxypropanoic acid ( $-CH_2CH(OH)COOH$ ) 2-yl-2-hydroxypropanoic acid ( $-CH(CH_3)(OH)COOH$ ), 3-yl-2,3-dihydroxypropanoic acid ( $-CH(OH)CH(OH)COOH$ ), 2-yl-2,3-dihydroxypropanoic acid ( $-C(CH_2(OH))(OH)COOH$ ), 3-yl-2-hydroxypropan-3-one-1-oic acid ( $-COCH(OH)COOH$ ), 2-yl-2-hydroxypropanedioic acid ( $-C(COOH)(OH)COOH$ ), 2-yl-propanedioic acid ( $-C(COOH)(H)COOH$ ), 4-yl-2-hydroxybutan-4-one-1-oic acid ( $-COCH_2CH(OH)COOH$ ), 2-yl-2-hydroxybutan-1,4-dioic acid

(-C(OH)(COOH)CH<sub>2</sub>COOH), 3-yl-2-hydroxybutan-1,4-dioic acid

(-CH(CH(OH)COOH)COOH), 5-yl-tetrazole,



R<sub>6</sub> is independently a bond, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, -CO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-, where n is an integer between 0 and 4, alkanolic, alkenolic or alkynolic;

with the exception that where W<sub>1</sub> is an optionally substituted phenyl then Y<sub>3</sub> cannot be an optionally substituted phenyl.

38. (New) A method according to claim 37, wherein the non-peptidyl compound is a dimer or heterodimer wherein the compounds are joined through a X linking group by way of their V or W groups.

39. (New) A method according to claim 37, wherein when V is V<sub>1</sub> or V<sub>2</sub>, then:

V<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of, benzene, pyridine, pyridazine, pyrimidine, pyrazine or triazine and is optionally substituted with up to 5 R<sub>1</sub> groups; and

V<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of, cyclopenta-1,3-diene, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole, imidazole, thiazole, isothiazole or triazole and is optionally substituted with up to 4 R<sub>1</sub> groups;

and W is W<sub>2</sub> then

W<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline, pteridine, indole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, benzimidazole, indazole, benzoxazole, benzisoxazole, benzthiazole, benzisothiazole, purine, indoline or isoindoline and is optionally substituted with up to seven R<sub>1</sub> groups; and Y is either Y<sub>1</sub> or Y<sub>2</sub> then

Y<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of chroman, isochroman, benzofuran, cromene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene, 1,4-dihydronaphthalene, indan, indene, benzopiperidine, indoline, isoindoline, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline or pteridine, coumarin or 2,3-dihydrocoumarin and is optionally substituted with up to seven R<sub>1</sub> groups; and

$Y_2$  is selected from the group consisting of 9H-xanthone, 9H-xanthene, phenoxathiin, phenoxathiin-10-oxide, phenoxathiin-10-dioxide, acridine, phenazine, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenothiazine-5-oxide, phenothiazine-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-oxide, carbazole, dibenzo[b,d]furan or dibenzo[b,d]thiophene and is optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups.

40. (Original) A method according to claim 37, wherein when A is VXW then:

V is phenyl or pyrazole, optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups;

and when A is W or VXW then W is  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$  or  $W_3$  wherein

$W_1$  is phenyl optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups;

$W_2$  is naphthalene or quinoline optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups

wherein  $R_1$  is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl;

$W_3$  is  $-N(R_2)R_2$  wherein  $R_2$  is propyl;

X is independently, a bond, methoxy ( $-OCH_2-$ ), oxypropoxy ( $-O(CH_2)_3O-$ ), hexenyloxy ( $-O(CH_2)_4CH=CH-$ ), sulfonyloxy ( $-SO_2O-$ ), methyl ( $-CH_2-$ ), amidyl ( $-CONH-$ ) or  $-NHCONH-$ ; and Y is either  $Y_1$  or  $Y_2$  then

$Y_1$  is croman, 4-H-chromen-4-one or naphthalene optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups wherein  $R_1$  is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl;

$Y_2$  is 9H-xanthone optionally substituted with up to seven  $R_1$  groups wherein  $R_1$  is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl;

$Y_3$  is phenyl optionally substituted with up to 5  $R_1$  groups wherein  $R_1$  is independently H, OH, methyl, ethyl, propyl, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, chloro, fluoro or acetyl; and

Z is independently  $-R_6COOH$ ,  $-R_6SO_3H$  or  $-N$ -trifluoromesylsulfonamidate wherein  $R_6$  is independently a bond or propyl.

41. (New) A method according to claim 37, wherein the non-peptidyl compound is selected from the following group of compounds:

(i.) 4,4'-Methylenebis[3-hydroxy-2-naphthalenecarboxylic acid];

(ii.) 7-[3-(4-acetyl-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(iii.) 2,4-dichloro-6-(*N*-(trifluoromethanesulfonyl))sulfamoylphenyl 3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzenesulfonate;

(iv.) 7-[(4-acetyl-3-hydroxy-2-propylphenyl)methoxy]-4-oxo-8-propyl-4*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(v.) 7-[3-(4-acetyl-3-methoxy-2-propylphenoxy)propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(vi.) 3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-7-[[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy]propyl]oxy]-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(vii.) 3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-7-[[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-ethoxyphenoxy]propyl]oxy]-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(viii.) 3-[4-[7-carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9*H*-xanthene]]propanoic acid;

(ix.) 8-propyl-7-(quinol-2'-ylmethoxy)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(x.) 7-(naphth-2'-ylmethoxy)-8-propyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(xi.) *N*-(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)-3,5-dinitro-4-(*N,N'*-dipropylamino)benzenesulfonamide;

(xii.) 8-propyl-7-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid;

(xiii.) 3,4-dihydro-7-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexenyl]oxy]-8-propyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid; or

(xiv.) 8,8'-[Carbonylbis[imino-3,1-phenylenecarbonylimino(4-methyl-3,1-phenylene)carbonylimino]]bis-1,3,5-naphthalenetrisulfonic acid.

42. (New) A method according to claim 37 wherein  $V_1$  is selected from the group consisting of: benzene, pyridine, pyridazine, pyrimidine, pyrazine, triazine.



43. (New) A method according to claim 37 wherein  $V_2$  is selected from the group consisting of: cyclopenta-1,3-diene, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole, imidazole, thiazole, isothiazole or triazole, optionally substituted with up to 4  $R_1$  groups.

44. (New) A method according to claim 37 wherein  $W_2$  is selected from the group consisting of: naphthalene, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline, pteridine, indole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, benzimidazole, indazole, benzoxazole, benzisooxazole, benzthiazole, benzisothiazole, purine, indoline, isoindoline.

45. (New) A method according to claim 37 wherein  $R_2$  and  $R'_2$  are joined to form cyclic structures selected from the group consisting of: pyrrolidine, piperidine, hexahydro-1H-azepine, morpholine or piperazine.

46. (New) A method according to claim 37 wherein  $Y_1$  is selected from the group consisting of: croman, isochroman, benzofuran, cromene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene, 1,4-dihydronaphthalene, indan, indene, benzopiperidine, indoline, isoindoline, quinoline, isoquinoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline or pteridine, coumarin or 2,3-dihydrocoumarin.

47. (New) A method according to claim 37 wherein  $Y_2$  is selected from the group consisting of: 9H-xanthone, 9H-xanthene, phenoxathiin, phenoxathiin-10-oxide, phenoxathiin-10-dioxide, acridine, phenazine, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenothiazine-5-oxide, phenothiazine-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-dioxide, thiathrene-5-oxide, carbazole, dibenzo[b,d]furan, dibenzo[b,d]thiophene.

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